

Join the Discovery Squad!

Discovery Squad Volunteers use hands-on objects and inquiry techniques to help visitors explore the Field Museum's collections and its important role in scientific research. Get hands-on training in engagement techniques including questioning, scaffolding, and comparing to engage audiences of all ages. After visiting a Discovery Squad cart or single object, visitors leave feeling curious, wanting to learn more, and inspired to seek out the exhibits that directly relate to the objects they explored! Apply by

Volunteer qualifications

- Excitement to present Field Museum specimens with visitors of all ages
- Openness to not only share facts but to lead open-ended conversations, potentially about difficult or challenging topics
- Enthusiasm to learn new content, and potentially unlearn information now considered inaccurate or out of date
- Comfort with engaging visitors of different ages, needs, backgrounds, and learning styles
- Ability to work collaboratively with other volunteers
- Be at least 18 years of age and have completed high school or equivalent ([teen volunteer opportunities are available here](#))

Fall 2022 cohort training and certification schedule:

- Application deadline for fall cohort: August 31
- In-person group interviews: September 4-9
- Notification of acceptance: No later than September 12
- Virtual orientation: Thursday, September 15: 7-8pm, or watch recording later
- In-person visitor engagement training: Sunday, September 18: 9:30am-2pm
- All volunteers must complete a demonstration-based certification after completing their training